

## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE**

This *Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release* (the "Settlement Agreement") is entered into by and between Timothy J. Miller, solely as chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee") for the estate of Staymobile Venture LLC (the "Debtor"), and not in any individual capacity, on the one hand, and VT Services, Inc. ("Defendant") on the other hand. (Defendant and the Trustee may be referenced herein collectively as the "Parties" and/or each as a "Party").

### **BACKGROUND**

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2022 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor commenced a case (the "Chapter 7 Case") by filing a voluntary petition for relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (the "Bankruptcy Court") under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") bearing case number 22-43781-lsg; and

WHEREAS, Timothy J. Miller was appointed as Interim Trustee on the Petition Date. On June 8, 2022, the First Meeting of Creditors pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 341 was held and not continued past that date. No parties objected to the Trustee's appointment, so the Trustee became duly appointed as the Trustee in the Chapter 7 Case; and

WHEREAS, the Debtor and Defendant had various business relationships and/or dealings prior to the Petition Date; and

WHEREAS, the Trustee asserted that the Trustee was entitled to avoid and recover, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 547 and 550, alleged transfers made by the Debtor to Defendant in the amount of \$94,584.00 during the 90-day period prior to the Petition Date (the "Trustee's Claims"); and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2023, the Trustee filed a Complaint in the Bankruptcy Court asserting the Trustee's Claims against Defendant, thereby initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 23-04158-lsg (the "Adversary Proceeding"); and

WHEREAS, the Defendant alleged that it was entitled to certain defenses to the Trustee's Claims pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(c); and

WHEREAS, rather than proceed with litigation concerning the Trustee's Claims, the Parties engaged in good faith, arms' length negotiations to resolve the Trustee's Claims in their entirety.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree that:

1. **Recitals.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
2. **Settlement Amount.** Within ten (10) days after execution of this Settlement Agreement by all Parties, Defendant shall pay to the Trustee the total sum of \$18,500.00 in full and complete settlement of the Trustee's Claims (the "Settlement Amount"). The Settlement Amount shall be made payable to "Timothy J. Miller, as Chapter 7 Trustee of Staymobile Venture

LLC," and mailed to OSIPOV BIGELMAN, P.C., Attn: David P. Miller, Esq., 20700 Civic Center Drive, Suite 420, Southfield, MI 48076, or in accordance with instructions provided by the Trustee in writing. In the event the Settlement Agreement is not approved by the Bankruptcy Court upon motion of the Trustee as referenced in paragraph 10 herein, the Trustee will promptly return the Settlement Amount to the Defendant.

3. **Settlement Effective Date.** The effective date (the "Settlement Effective Date") of this Settlement Agreement and all of its terms shall be the date upon which all of the following have occurred: (i) entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving this Settlement Agreement that is final, non-appealable and no longer subject to appeal; and (ii) the Trustee has received the Settlement Amount in good funds.

4. **Trustee's Release.** Effective on the Settlement Effective Date, the Trustee, solely in his capacity as Trustee, and not in any individual or other capacity, shall be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, acquitted and discharged the Defendant and its directors, officer, employees and agents from any and all claims, manner of actions, causes of action, suits, costs, debts, liabilities, obligations, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions and demands whatsoever, of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity, which the Trustee has, has had, may have or may claim to have against the Defendant pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 547.

5. **Defendant's Release.** Effective on the Settlement Effective Date, the Defendant shall be deemed to have irrevocably and unconditionally, fully, finally, and forever waived, released, acquitted and discharged the Trustee and his professionals from any and all claims, manner of actions, causes of action, suits, costs, debts, liabilities, obligations, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions and demands whatsoever, of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity, which the Defendant has, has had, may have or may claim to have against the Trustee and his professionals regarding the Trustee's Claims. Defendant also specifically waives any previously filed proof of claim in the Chapter 7 Case, if any, and any rights to file any proof of claim in the Chapter 7 Case regarding the Trustee's Claims and/or this Agreement.

6. **No Admissions.** This Settlement Agreement is not and shall not in any way be construed as an admission by the Parties of any allegations made in connection with the Trustee's Claims.

7. **Expenses.** The Parties shall bear their own costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees incurred to date in connection with the Trustee's Claims and this Settlement Agreement.

8. **Severability.** The Parties agree that if any provision of this Settlement Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, that provision shall not be a part of this Settlement Agreement. The legality, validity, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected by a provision of this Settlement Agreement that is illegal, invalid, or unenforceable.

**9. Miscellaneous.**

(a) Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any statement made or action taken in connection with the negotiation of this Settlement Agreement, shall be offered or received in evidence or in any way referred to in any legal action or administrative proceeding among or between the Parties hereto, other than as may be necessary (i) to obtain approval of and to enforce this Settlement Agreement (including the mutual releases contained herein) or (ii) to seek damages or injunctive relief in connection therewith.

(b) Each of the Parties hereto shall execute and deliver any and all additional papers, documents, and other assurances, and shall do any and all acts and things reasonably necessary or appropriate in conjunction with the performance of each of the Parties' respective obligations hereunder.

(c) No provision of this Settlement Agreement is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations, or liabilities hereunder upon any person other than the Parties hereto and their respective successors.

(d) This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the state of Michigan without regard to any choice of law provisions.

(e) This Settlement Agreement may be signed in counterpart originals and delivered by facsimile or email, which, when fully executed, shall constitute a single original.

(f) The Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction (and the Parties consent to such retention of jurisdiction) with respect to any disputes arising from or related to, or other actions to interpret, administer, or enforce the terms and provisions of, this Settlement Agreement.

(g) Any statute or period of limitations, statutes of repose, or other time-based limitations or defenses, whether at law, in equity, under statute, contract or otherwise (including, but not limited to, the doctrine of laches or waiver), which might be asserted as a time bar and/or limitation in connection with the Trustee's Claims is hereby tolled until the Settlement Effective Date. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall operate to revive or extend the time for filing any claim that is now time barred or barred by any applicable statute or period of limitations, statutes of repose, or other time-related defenses as of the date this Settlement Agreement is executed as set forth below.

(h) Each person or entity who executes this Settlement Agreement on behalf of another person or entity represents and warrants that he, she, or it is duly authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of such person or entity, has the requisite authority to bind such person or entity, and such person or entity has full knowledge of and has consented to this Settlement Agreement. The representations and warranties set forth in this paragraph shall survive execution of this Settlement Agreement.

(i) In executing the Settlement Agreement, each of the Parties represents and warrants, for itself, that (a) it does so with full knowledge of its available rights, (b) it is not relying and has not relied upon any representations made by any person with regard to the Settlement Agreement, other than any written representations and agreements contained herein, (c) it has had available to it such information as it or its counsel considered necessary to making an informed

judgment concerning the Settlement Agreement, and (d) it has conducted such investigation as it or its counsel deemed appropriate regarding the settlement and its rights and asserted rights in connection with the matters that are the subject of the Settlement Agreement.

(j) The Parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior agreements, negotiations and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof are canceled and superseded by this Settlement Agreement.

(k) This Settlement Agreement shall not be modified, altered, amended, or vacated without the written consent of all parties hereto or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

(l) This Settlement Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.

(m) The headings of all sections of this Settlement Agreement are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and are not a part of and are not intended to govern, limit, or aid in the construction or interpretation of any term or provision hereof.

10. **Bankruptcy Court Approval.** Following the Parties' execution of this Agreement, the Trustee shall move for approval of this Agreement by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Until and unless the Bankruptcy Court enters an order of approval, this Agreement shall be null and void and of no force and effect, and the Parties shall be returned to the same positions they were in prior to execution of this Settlement Agreement, as if this Settlement Agreement had never been executed with the exception of the extension of the statute of limitations, which extension shall survive.

11. **Dismissal of Adversary Proceeding.** Promptly after the Settlement Effective Date, the Parties shall file a stipulation of dismissal in the Adversary Proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Settlement Agreement is hereby executed as of the date(s) set forth below:

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO BY:

TIMOTHY J. MILLER, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE

By: Timothy J. Miller, Trustee  
By: Timothy J. Miller, Trustee (Feb 9, 2024 15:47 EST)  
Timothy J. Miller, solely in his capacity as  
Chapter 7 Trustee of Staymobile Venture LLC

Date: 02/04/2024

VT SERVICES, INC.

By: Jandra L. Zimmerman  
Name: Jandra L. Zimmerman  
Title: President

Date: 2.8.2024